

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assesses reading in two content areas: reading for literary experience and to gain information. The NAEP reading scale ranges from 0 to 500.

Overall Reading Results for South Dakota	Student Percentage at NAEP Achievement Levels															
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2005, the average scale score for fourth-grade students in South Dakota was 222. This was not significantly different from<sup>1</sup> their average score in 2003 (222).</li> <li>South Dakota's average score (222) in 2005 was higher than that of the Nation's public schools (217).</li> <li>Of the 52 states and other jurisdictions<sup>2</sup> that participated in the 2005 fourth-grade assessment, students' average scale scores in South Dakota were higher than those in 24 jurisdictions, not significantly different from those in 19 jurisdictions, and lower than those in 8 jurisdictions.</li> <li>The percentage of students in South Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP <i>Proficient</i> level was 33 percent in 2005. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2003 (33 percent)</li> <li>The percentage of students in South Dakota who performed at or above the NAEP <i>Basic</i> level was 70 percent in 2005. This percentage was not significantly different from that in 2003 (69 percent).</li> </ul>	<p>South Dakota (public)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2003</td> <td>31</td> <td>35</td> <td>26</td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>30</td> <td>37</td> <td>27</td> <td>6</td> </tr> </table> <p>Nation (public)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2005</td> <td>38</td> <td>33</td> <td>23</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </table> <p>Percent below <i>Basic</i>    Percent at <i>Basic</i>, <i>Proficient</i>, and <i>Advanced</i></p> <p>■ Below <i>Basic</i>    □ <i>Basic</i>    ■ <i>Proficient</i>    ■ <i>Advanced</i></p> <p>NOTE: The NAEP reading achievement levels correspond to the following scale points: Below <i>Basic</i>, 207 or lower; <i>Basic</i>, 208–237; <i>Proficient</i>, 238–267; <i>Advanced</i>, 268 or above.</p>	2003	31	35	26	7	2005	30	37	27	6	2005	38	33	23	7
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Performance of NAEP Reporting Groups in South Dakota						
Reporting groups	Percent of students	Average score	Percent below <i>Basic</i>	Percent of students at or above		Percent <i>Advanced</i>
				<i>Basic</i>	<i>Proficient</i>	
Male	53	219	35	65	29	5
Female	47	227	25	75	38	8
White	84	226	25	75	37	7
Black	2	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hispanic	2	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
American Indian/Alaska Native	11	201	56	44	14	1
Eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch	41	210	44	56	20	3
Not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch	59	231	21	79	42	9

Average Score Gaps Between Selected Groups	Reading Scale Scores at Selected Percentiles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In 2005, male students in South Dakota had an average score that was lower than that of female students by 8 points. In 2003, the average score for male students was lower than that of female students by 6 points.</li> <li>Data are not reported for Black students in 2005, because reporting standards were not met. Therefore, the performance gap data are not reported.</li> <li>Data are not reported for Hispanic students in 2005, because reporting standards were not met. Therefore, the performance gap data are not reported.</li> <li>In 2005, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch, an indicator of poverty, had an average score that was lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch by 20 points. In 2003, the average score for students who were eligible for free/reduced-price school lunch was lower than the score of those not eligible by 20 points.</li> <li>In 2005, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 42 points. In 2003, the score gap between students at the 75th percentile and students at the 25th percentile was 44 points.</li> </ul>	<p>Scores at selected percentiles on the NAEP reading scale indicate how well students at lower, middle, and higher levels of the distribution performed.</p>

# The estimate rounds to zero.

‡ Reporting standards not met.

\* Significantly different from 2005.

↑ Significantly higher than 2003. ↓ Significantly lower than 2003.

<sup>1</sup> Comparisons (higher/lower/not different) are based on statistical tests. The .05 level was used for testing statistical significance. Performance comparisons may be affected by differences in exclusion rates across years for students with disabilities (5% nationally in 2005) and English language learners (2% nationally in 2005) in the NAEP samples. Statistical comparisons are calculated on the basis of unrounded scale scores or percentages.

<sup>2</sup> "Other Jurisdictions" refers to the District of Columbia and the Department of Defense Education Activity schools.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding and because the "Information not available" category for free/reduced-price lunch and the "Unclassified" category for race/ethnicity are not displayed. Visit <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/states/> for additional results and detailed information.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), selected years, 2003–2005 Reading Assessments.